

Food Stamp Program Usage

COUNTY	FS # Eligible ¹	FS % Not Served	FS # Not Served	Food Stamp Rank*
Alameda County	156,804	65.3%	102,401	29
Alpine County	232	56.9%	132	42
Amador County	2,808	67.0%	1,880	24
Butte County	39,148	60.7%	23,776	36
Calaveras County	4,704	70.0%	3,292	18
Colusa County	2,964	64.3%	1,907	30
Contra Costa County	71,575	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Norte County	4,765	38.0%	1,812	57
El Dorado County	11,079	68.3%	7,567	23
Fresno County	179,085	47.7%	85,375	51
Glenn County	4,729	59.7%	2,822	38
Humboldt County	24,059	63.6%	15,300	31
Imperial County	29,681	44.2%	13,108	53
Inyo County	2,244	69.6%	1,562	20
Kern County	130,949	58.8%	76,963	40
Kings County	21,307	50.4%	10,745	49
Lake County	10,081	51.8%	5,226	48
Lassen County	3,484	53.4%	1,861	46
Los Angeles County	1,674,599	61.4%	1,028,745	34
Madera County	24,514	49.2%	12,053	50
Marin County	15,601	83.2%	12,979	4
Mariposa County	2,489	71.5%	1,779	17
Mendocino County	13,505	57.0%	7,697	41
Merced County	45,059	43.8%	19,727	54
Modoc County	1,962	66.7%	1,308	27
Mono County	1,456	84.2%	1,226	3
Monterey County	51,692	69.3%	35,810	21
Napa County	9,913	82.9%	8,213	5
Nevada County	7,332	76.9%	5,641	10
Orange County	289,475	75.4%	218,325	12
Placer County	14,272	72.2%	10,299	15
Plumas County	2,686	82.5%	2,217	6
Riverside County	214,084	72.7%	155,665	14
Sacramento County	169,784	38.1%	64,606	56
San Benito County	5,241	61.2%	3,206	35
San Bernardino County	263,412	52.5%	138,232	47
San Diego County	338,399	76.6%	259,375	11
San Francisco County	86,585	69.9%	60,498	19
San Joaquin County	97,105	55.2%	53,559	43
San Luis Obispo County	29,775	79.8%	23,772	7
San Mateo County	40,692	84.6%	34,424	2
Santa Barbara County	55,086	72.1%	39,737	16
Santa Clara County	124,470	63.4%	78,908	32
Santa Cruz County	29,383	77.7%	22,827	9
Shasta County	24,556	59.2%	14,527	39
Sierra County	397	69.0%	274	22
Siskiyou County	8,109	60.6%	4,915	37

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Solano County	31,344	89.9%	28,172	1
Sonoma County	36,349	78.0%	28,357	8
Stanislaus County	70,406	54.5%	38,403	44
Sutter County	12,031	65.7%	7,903	28
Tehama County	9,503	53.9%	5,123	45
Trinity County	2,372	66.7%	1,582	26
Tulare County	86,572	45.7%	39,569	52
Tuolumne County	5,690	63.4%	3,606	33
Ventura County	68,540	66.9%	45,850	25
Yolo County	29,787	74.0%	22,030	13
Yuba County	12,205	39.6%	4,838	55

1. Food Stamp Rank - California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) data. CFPA estimates the number of individuals that participate in the Food Stamp Program from the county Health and Welfare Agency. Using 1999 U.S. Census data, CFPA used the standard of 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to estimate the number of individuals eligible for the Food Stamp Program. Comparing this to the number of participants shows a conservative estimate of the number of individuals who are eligible for food stamps, but are not receiving their benefits. Comparing the number of people living in poverty to the number of Food Stamp Program recipients may not fully account for how many eligible individuals are potentially not served by the program.

* Counties are ranked by underutilization of program, so that a #1 ranking represents the county with the worst utilization.

Counties in **bold** type are the top 5 counties with the worst Food Stamp utilization.